Chester Co. seedling sale set for April 20-21

WEST CHESTER - The Chester County Conservation District will sponsor its fifth annual tree seedling sale on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at locations throughout the county.

According to Robert Hodge, district chairman, the groups selling and their locations are: Great Valley Ecology Club at the Acme Market in the Exton Mall and at the Shop 'n Bag at the 401 Shopping center; National Secretary's Association at the Honeybrook IGA (Friday only) and the A & P in the Oxford Mall (Friday and Saturday); League of Women Voters of Central ChesCo. at the West Goshen Shopping Center and Marchwood Shopping Center on Rt. 100, Lionville. Also the Red Clay Valley Watershed Association will sell on Saturday only from their usual location in Kennett Square at Tunis Bros. and at the Greenbank Station of the Wilmington and Western Railroad on Rt. 41 north of Prices' Corners. The Craig Ridgeway Elementary PTĂ will have a sale at the Coatesville Dairy Queen, Rt. 30 in Coatesville; Boy Scout Troop #70 will locate at the Downing Center A & P, the Thrift Drug in Thorndale, Cropper's Market in Guthriesville and the C&C Landscaping in Marshallton. All Sales will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, unless otherwise indicated.

Those needing more information may watch for advertising in local newspapers the week preceeding the sales. Or, they may call Betty Dunkel at the Conservation District office in West Chester at 696-5126.

The District organizes the sales, purchases seedlings from a Pennsylvania nursery and sponsors various service and civic groups who actually do the selling as a fund raiser.

"This year we've ordered 1,000 evergreen seedlings to

winter. Tree roots absorb large amounts of water that can compensate somewhat for the roof top, driveway and roadway runoff during periods of heavy rain. In addition planting trees provides wildlife protection and habitat and adds greatly to the beauty of an area.

The variety of seedlings available will be white pine, blue spruce, Norway spruce and Douglas fir. All will be packaged in bundles of 10 of one kind to a bundle that will sell for \$2.00. There is no limit to the quantity that may be purchased but may depend on how long supplies hold out.

The white pine, a native of Pennsylvania, is a beautiful and useful tree. It will do

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) will sponsor legislation in this Congressional session providing for stiff criminal penalties for marketing fraud, it was announced, here.

The "Crime Prevention in Livestock Marketing Act of 1979" will be introduced "because of the mounting increase in embezzlements, thefts and fraudulent practices in livestock marketing in 1978," an LMA spokesman told House and Senate agricultural appropriations subcommittees.

This Act, LMA Executive Counsel Robert M. Cook testified, "will make it a crime, punishable by five years in prison or by a fine of \$5000, or by both, for a livestock market, livestock dealer or livestock broker, or for any other person to knowingly and in connection with livestock marketing in commerce, to commit any act of fraud, or to embezzle, steal, purloin or convert livestock or money to his own use, or the use of another.' The Act would be administered by the Justice Department It would shift the enforcement of fraudulent marketing practices from the Packers and Stockyards division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). LMA will also sponsor the "Freedom in Livestock Marketing Act of 1979." which would greatly limit the criminal and investigative powers of USDA, powers that more appropriately belong to the Justice Department, LMA said. This legislation will be the continuation of LMA's 1978 "Freedom" campaign, which resulted in the deregulation of marketing rates and tariffs The statement cited both legislative proposals as reasons for Congress to deny

drop their leaves and allow well in a variety of soil types the sun_to warm in the and is a fast growing tree obtaining heighths of 100 feet. It makes a good windbreak and is a lovely Christmas tree.

Blue spruce is also excellent for windbreaks and is a beautiful tree with blue green and silvery coloring. It will obtain heighths of forty feet and is a fairly slow grower doing well in ordinary soil with average moisture and lots of sun.

Norway spruce is a very valuable tree used for ornamental plantings as well as for a wide variety of products including Christmas trees. It is a fast growing tree that obtains a maximum heighth of 125 feet with gracefully drooping branches of dense growth. Does well in average soil and prefers moisture to keep its dark green color.

Marketing fraud bill sponsored

proposed budget increases to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and its Office of the General Counsel.

Under the proposed bills, the Justice Department would handle many of the areas listed by AMS and the General Counsel as justification for the addutional money. AMS had asked for an increase of \$596,000 and the General Counsel requested an additional \$621,000.

Concerning this latter amount, LMA said it saw no need for the Office to hire an additional 18 attorneys and four clerical personnel,

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Douglas fir is the most popular Christmas tree in America due to its fine shape and ability to hold its needles. It will grow to 200 feet and likes moist, well drained soil and full sun best.

When trying to determine quantity of trees needed for a site, one suggestion from nurserymen is to figure on approximately 2700 trees per acre using 4' \mathbf{x} 4' spacing. For 5' x 5' spacing usually used for Christmas tree planting, it would take about 1700 trees per acre. For windbreaks a double row planted 6 to 8 feet apart with offset spacing is best. A hedge type planting 12 inches to 15 inches apart will close nicely after the third year shearing.

especially since the Office

has already been relieved

<u>_</u>"of unnecessary tasks"

related to rate making by

In addition, LMA will

support legislation which

would greatly lessen time

spent by attorneys in the

General Counsel's office on

intra-agency appeals of

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be sold by six groups at thirteen locations," ex-plained Marshall Haws, executive conservationist of the District. Chester County has its erosion problems and land areas that are in need of reforestation just as most other counties Trees put roots into the soil that will help to hold it in place. That way it's not so likely to end up in the nearest stream, said Haws.

Of course there are many other reasons people plant trees. Recent studies have shown the great value of landscaping to conserve energy and cut fuel costs in both heating and cooling homes. A well placed wind screen of mature evergreen trees can cut up to 85 percent of the winter winds In summer a mature tree provides the equivalent cooling power of five 10,000 BTU air conditioners. Wind screens are generally planted on the north and west sides of a home, with deciduous trees for shading on the south where they will

table to a wide variety of uses around the farm. Use it year 'round to construct windbreaks; winterize animal confinement areas; or to cover stockpiled materials, says the manufacturer.

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International trade conference set

HARRISBURG - Penn-

sylvania's annual statewide conference on international trade, the Pennsylvania International Trade Conference, is scheduled for April 29 through May 1 in Hershey. Stanhope S. Browne, PITC Chairman, stated that both the new-toexport company as well as the internationally-experie-

need company would profit by attending this fourth annual PITC.

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